

### **REMARKS**

In the Official Action dated July 23, 2004, claims 21 and 29-34 are pending and under consideration. Claims 30, 31, 33 and 34 have been allowed. Claims 21 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,846,933 in view of Harlow et al. (*Antibodies* 1988, pp76 and 555).

In an effort to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants have canceled claim 32 and have amended claim 21 to delete the reference to claim 32. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 21 and 32 as originally filed in a continuation application.

Applicants have also added a reference to claim 34 in claim 21. Support for this amendment is found in claim 21 as originally filed, for example. No new matter is added.

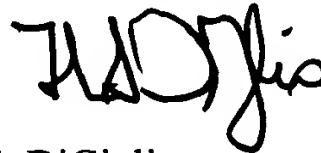
In view of the instant amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,846,933 and Harlow et al. is overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner has further indicated that Applicants have not submitted color drawings or a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(a)(2) to accept color drawings.

In response, Applicants are submitting herewith three sets of Figures 9A and 9B in color, together with a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.84 and the requisite fees.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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